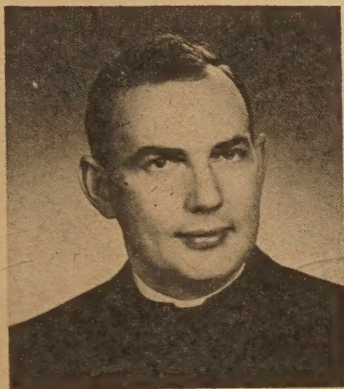
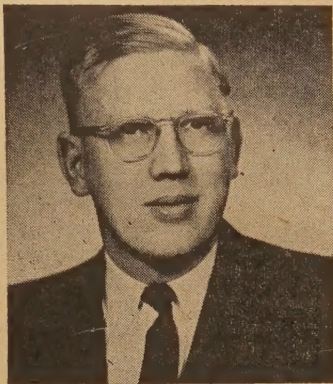


Six New Pastors Accepted into Synod



Stanley T. Hansen  
Called to Ringsted, Iowa  
Ordained at Sidney



Donald V. Wahlgren  
Called to be Missionary  
in Sudan  
Ordained at Sidney



Edwin A. Svendsen  
Called to Easton, Calif.  
Transferred from ALC



Bertrand Jordan  
Called to McNabb, Ill.  
Transferred from ALC

Two other pastors will be accepted. Pastor A. C. Lehman, called to Spencer, Iowa, and Pastor Jacob Enerson called to Des Moines, Iowa. These two come from the ELC. We have no photo of these men at the present.



## News and Notes



Dr. and Mrs. Hunter Smith

The Smiths have accepted a call extended to them to serve as missionaries in the Sudan Mission field. They will, with their children, be going to Africa about September 1st.

The Smith family is a member of our congregation, Faith Lutheran Church, in Castro Valley, Anker Jensen, pastor. Dr. Smith has been active in his church for a number of years. So have the other members of the family. Their lives are a wit-

ness to people with whom they have contact.

Dr. Smith had a good practice in Castro Valley. But he felt God had called him and his wife into foreign mission service. They have offered their lives to the Lord for service wherever He would direct them. They feel God has opened the door for them through the call extended to them by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**1,000 Baptized Members.** St. Andrew Lutheran Church at Whittier, Calif., reached 1,000 in baptized membership May 24. This congregation was started in September, 1956. Pastor Verner N. Carlsen is the pastor. Recently the congregation honored Pastor Carlsen on the 20th anniversary of his ordination.

**Oakland, Calif.,** Our Saviour's Lutheran congregation, Sidney E. Jorgensen, Pastor, has sold its property 1740—7th Avenue and plans to build on a choice three acre lot overlooking the Bay area. The lot is a part of the King Estate which has been set aside for community projects. In the immediate vicinity will be located the new school and a park.

Our Saviour's church was established in November, 1904. In 1921 the present church was dedicated and here the congregation worshipped until May 31, 1959 when the final service concluded with Holy communion. The church was built and located to serve the Danish population of the entire East Bay area extending from Berkeley to the north to Hayward south of Oakland. However, the location of the greater part of the congregation was not in the vicinity of the church and during the later years many families have moved to the suburbs and joined Lutheran churches closer to their homes. It is hoped that construction of the first unit will be completed within the next year.

On Pentecost Sunday three young people and two adults were confirmed. In addition two infants and two adults were baptized.

**Chicago, Ill.** Atonement Lutheran Church congregation had a gay surprise party on May 27th for Pastor and Mrs. Emil Pedersen prior to their departure on a vacation west. The entire program was based on the western theme—parishioners came dressed in western style, sang western type songs and hymns in the church parlor which was gaily decorated with colorful western travel posters and appropriate table settings. A hilarious two act skit was presented based on some comi-

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# Editorials and Comments

## WHO IS TO BE WHAT IN THE MERGED CHURCH?

As the time of the merger draws near some people are more and more excited about their own future. There is nervous tension in the area of the officials of the churches. And we can well understand that there should be some nervousness here and there. The fact is that a church can have only one president, it can have only one secretary, and it can have only one youth director and one home mission director, etc., etc.

This means that some men will not be district presidents after the merger, for there can be only one district president in a district. At the headquarters of the two church bodies especially there must naturally be some concern among the men.

But this "shake-up" may be very good for the church as a whole. We believe that all elective offices in the church should have a certain length. This principle could also be applied to the positions of stewardship secretaries and department directors, etc.

The point is that the congregation is the most important unit in the church. It is the local congregation that makes the church. The synod headquarters do not make the local church. The basic need of all things in the church such as evangelism, stewardship, growth, charity, etc., must be considered from the point of view of the local church.

There is a tendency for the officials to forget the local church in their zeal for promoting their causes.

We have often thought that the Methodist church is wise when it limits the office of district superintendent to a term of six years. He deals directly with the congregations. He comes to the office fresh from an active parish. He knows the lay people and the problems of the local church. After six years he may have a tendency to get into a rut and so he goes back to a congregation.

We think that the Methodist church might also well apply that principle on the election of the bishops.

It goes without saying that the longer an official is away from the actual work of the ministry in the local church the less he will understand its nature and problems.

The Rev. Frank H. Morgan of Ottawa, Canada, recently wrote in the United Church Observer about the same problems in the United Church of Canada. Says Rev. Morgan:

The United Church must decrease the widening gulf that yawns between the local church and the administrative boards. This could be accomplished if men accepted administrative positions as they accept a call to a church, not for life but for about a dozen years. Any position at headquarters ought to terminate automatically at the end of a dozen years and the man go back to a local church. He could re-

turn to headquarters after having had a pastorate for a similar term. I would make no exception to this rule for then every case would be the exception.

I would apply a similar healthy rule to our theological faculties. Any man appointed to train ministers for service in a local church must have at least a total of 10 years service in two different churches even if he is only teaching Hebrew. Any one teaching practical theology ought to have had both a rural and city pastorate in Canada. He should only hold this position a dozen years, unless he is serving a local church while lecturing.

The idea of full-time administrators is growing out of all proportions in our day. People seem to be interested in the specialist who may know how to put a worm on a hook, but he does not know how to get the hook into the water. Even though we admit that the church has men of different gifts and talents, these gifts and talents need the constant corrective and discipline which the local church gives.

So the new church may benefit greatly by having some of the officials get into parish work.

## THREE VALUABLE BOOKLETS

**Facts about Lutherans** by Albert A. Stauderman (20 cents) is a fine 31-page booklet that tells the story of what the Lutheran Church is and does. It will be most helpful for the pastor in an adult class. It will also help him in adult confirmation classes. It might furnish him with a program for any one of the organizations in the church.

**Manual for Acolytes** by Calder A. Gibson (50 cents) is another good booklet that discusses the history, duties, etc., of the office of the "Acolyte." This booklet will be of help to both the pastor and the acolyte. A good book to study with the boys who have this office. The acolytes are the boys used to light and extinguish the candles on the altar at the worship service.

**Arranging Flowers for the Church** by Oleta Staley Moffitt (50 cents) tells the altar guild everything about flowers in the church. It tells what kind of flowers are most fitting for the different Sundays. It also gives information about vases, positions of the flowers, etc. The booklet is illustrated.

By the way some one asked us recently about the positions of the flowers on the altar. A good many people are in doubt about this, because a number of firms when they send out their illustrated catalogs about altar furnishings place the cross in the middle, then the vase and then the candle. There is divided opinion on that. Most authorities hold that the candle should always come next to the cross. This also seems the most natural, especially where the churches are not always able to get flowers. The cross and the candles are the musts for an altar.

All three booklets may be ordered through Lutheran Publ. House.



## Church News from here and there

### THE OTHER MERGER NOT COMPLETE BEFORE 1963 OR LATER

At the recent Augustana Lutheran Church Canadian Conference annual meeting at Stockholm, Sask., Canada, Dr. Oscar A. Benson, president of Augustana Lutheran Church, stated that there is no doubt Augustana has been the most eager for merger of all nine Lutheran bodies in Canada and the U.S. But, "we have always wanted a merger of at least the eight bodies participating in the National Lutheran Council," he said.

When it became apparent that the three bodies presently merging to form The American Lutheran Church in 1961 were determined not to invite America's largest Lutheran body, the United Lutheran Church in America, Augustana walked out. Shortly after, Augustana and ULCA jointly invited all interested in merger to attend the meeting. Only the small American Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Suomi Synod came. So, today, these four are busy planning America's second Lutheran merger.

"Some think our merger can be completed by 1961," he said, "like Dr. Fry. But I think they're too optimistic." Dr. Benson felt that it would be at least 1963 before all of the many details could be looked after.

"You can't blame Dr. Fry for being eager," he said. "Because of their large numbers, they can't lose. Anything Augustana wants it has to ask for now, before we go out of existence," Dr. Benson said.

The lodge question is one on which Augustana has been insistent. As the Constitution now reads, in its eight draft, a lodge member will not be ordained. And a pastor who becomes a Mason will be subject to discipline. Presumably, this "discipline" means being expelled from the ministry, Dr. Benson said, although this has not been spelled out. The Augustana Church does not allow its pastors to become lodge members on the grounds that some Lodges take to themselves what the Lord has given "exclusively to the Church." Specifically, at least one Lodge claims salvation and life in heaven are available to its members apart from the Saviour of the Church, Jesus Christ.

### DANISH CHURCH PLANNED IN SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN

Kiel, West Germany — Plans of Danish Lutherans in this German province of Schleswig-Holstein to form a Church separate from the German territorial Church were endorsed at a South Schleswig Kirchentag in May.

Schleswig-Holstein lies just south of the Danish border, and many of its church members are of Danish language or nationality. Their 26 pastors have been holding services in more than 100 places—usually church or school buildings of the German Landeskirche, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Schleswig-Holstein.

Participants in these services have until now remained members of the territorial Church, and an effort has been made to develop an arrangement by which the Danish work might be carried on within that Church. This, however, has not proved entirely satisfactory to the two groups, and steps have therefore been initiated toward what is expected eventually to be a new free Lutheran body, "the Danish National Church in South Schleswig."

The Danish congregations in this province already have a common association or union known as the South Schleswig Synod. This body, meeting last June, voted to move toward the ultimate constitution of a legally recognized separate Church. Church taxes paid by members of such a body would then go directly to that body, instead of to the Landeskirche, as at present.

The German territorial Church is not opposing the moves in that direction. However, it is felt that before concrete action can be taken, church people must first be informed adequately about what is contemplated. The Danish synod at last year's meeting asked its council to conduct an information campaign to this end throughout the area. In this connection, the idea of a separate Danish Church was presented at the Kirchentag in May, which was an affair of the Schleswig-Holstein Danes.

### CONVENTION PLANS MADE FOR MERGED YOUTH GROUPS

Milwaukee has been chosen as the site for the constituting convention of the Luther League of The American Lutheran Church, the new church

body that will be formed next year by a three-way merger.

The Luther League will meet August 16-21 1960, with 3,500 official delegates representing nearly 125,000 Lutheran youth in the United States and Canada from the three uniting groups—the American, Evangelical and United Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

According to the Lutheran Youth Convention Committee, the purpose of the youth meeting will be to constitute the Luther League as the youth auxiliary of the new Church and to determine the League's program for the first triennium, 1961-63.

### SAYS TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR CHURCH GIFTS USUALLY INADEQUATE

The average American takes less than one-tenth of the advantage the law permits in deductions for income tax purposes on his gifts to church, charitable and educational organizations, a leading Protestant church man declared.

Dr. James W. Wagner, Philadelphia president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and co-president of the United Church of Christ, spoke at the Founder's Day program in observance of the 75th anniversary of Findlay College, Ohio.

The churchman said that when the average person dies he "either dies intestate or bequeaths all that he has to family and friends, and the state and federal collectors of inheritance taxes get most of it."

In calling for increased financial support of the smaller colleges, Dr. Wagner described many of them as "church founded and church related if not church controlled." They were established, he said, by humble people who believed that knowledge "was not only altogether compatible with true religion, but indeed its sure foundation. . ."

### OTTAWA ANGLICANS VOTE AGAINST WOMEN DELEGATES

Ottawa, Ont. — Despite a plea that "women should not continue to live in the shadow of Delilah," the Ottawa Anglican Diocese voted 46 to 24 here to keep women out of its ranks of delegates.

"We should not continue to live in fear of a Samsonian haircut," said a layman, W. E. F. Bell. He said the Diocese of Nova Scotia had not collapsed since women were elected as delegates there.

However, the Rev. W. L. Thomas of Beechburg, Ont., spoke against it

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mission of women "for the proportion of women who are being forced something I am convinced they want."

toronto Diocese, largest in the Canadian Church, admitted women in and expects 110 of them to join men and 300 clergy at its annual d.

omen are admitted as delegates the General Synod of the Anglican arch of Canada, which meets every e years.

## OTTISH PRESBYTERIANS LLED 'WORST' URCH GIVERS

otch Presbyterians live up to their reas reputation of tight-fistedness, General Assembly of the Church Scotland was told in Edinburgh. he Rev. Murdo E. MacDonald, pas- of St. George's West church, said mbers of the Church were "the rst givers in the whole English-aking Presbyterian world."

t was about time members stopped tributing to the Church "the loose h lying around in their pockets" I started budgeting their financial port of the Church, he told a Home ard Night meeting.

Church of Scotland congregations e less, even in proportion to ine than Presbyterians in the U. S., nada, Australia and New Zealand, charged.

## LC ELECTS DR. FENDT MINIARY PRESIDENT

Dr. Edward C. Fendt, a member of e faculty at Capital University in umbus, Ohio for 35 years, has been ected president of its Evangelical utheran Theological Seminary.

Dr. Fendt was named to the post June 1 by the Board of Regents Capital University. He has been an of the seminary for the past 13 ars.

Separate administrations for the minary and college operated here by e American Lutheran Church were ade necessary by the organizational ucture for the new church body at will be constituted next year by e union of the ALC, Evangelical utheran Church and United Evangel- al Lutheran Church.

In "The American Lutheran urch," the theological seminaries ll be under the direction and con- ol of a Board of Theological Educa- n and the colleges will be under

the direction of a Board of College Education.

## FAMOUS TOMB NAME IN DOUBT

Representative Marguerite Stitt Church of Illinois is waging a battle to keep the original name of Arlington National Cemetery's famous Tomb. Scene of numerous wreath layings, including one placed there recently by Dr. P. O. Bersell, president emeritus of the Augustana Lutheran Church and presently chairman of the National Lutheran Council's Bureau of Service to Military Personnel, the historic site is visited by some 5,000 tourists each day. Originally called the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" its name was altered by a team of some 20 officers of the various armed services who made preparations for the reburial of the two unknown servicemen representing the dead of World War II and the Korean conflict. The term they adopted, which is being widely used, was "Tomb of the Unknowns."

Mrs. Church, who has been a member of First Methodist in Evanston, Ill., for forty years, has introduced a bill which, if enacted, will officially restore the original name to the Tomb. She said she has increased her efforts since receiving communications from gold star mothers, who thought one of the three boys might be their own, and who took bitter exception to the term "Unknowns."

## SOLDIER-STATESMAN OF LUTHERAN FAMILY

The spirit of '76 is being revived in the nation's capital. Lutheran lay leaders here are taking steps to erect a memorial honoring Peter Muhlenberg, Revolutionary War hero. Federal Trade Commissioner Sigurd Anderson, a former governor of South Dakota and a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, told a luncheon group that statues of America's heroes are found all over Washington, yet few are in honor of men who have made contributions to Christianity and to their country.

John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg was born in Trappe, Pa., the son of German-born Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, founder of the Lutheran Church in America. Peter served as a pastor of Lutheran churches in New Jersey before taking a charge in Woodstock, Va., in 1772.

In a letter to his brother he wrote, "Whether I choose to or not, I am destined to be a politician." In 1774, Peter was elected to the Virginia

House of Burgesses and afterwards became a colonel in the Continental Army. When the Revolutionary War came to a close he had attained the rank of major general. Subsequently he was chosen vice president of Pennsylvania and a Representative in Congress. In 1801 he was elected to the Senate.

Governor Anderson said that President Coolidge, in 1928, attached his signature to a bill authorizing an erection of a monument "to the memory of Peter Muhlenberg, eminent statesman, clergyman and soldier." The federal trade commissioner announced that lay men and women have now formed an association to raise funds for erection of such a statue. He pointed out that Lutherans were active in the early days of our country and said "we think all Americans should know this, and not only students of the Revolutionary War."

## TAKE CARE OF THAT NEWCOMER!

It is important to remember what to do with people when they come to church possibly for the first time. We should always be ready to learn how to care for people. Industry spends endless time and money these days training people how to handle folk. There are some firms where training managers put this at the top of the list, and the making of things, or the running of the technical side, as secondary.

The steward at the front door is as important as the preacher. So far as I am concerned every steward is the Church's public relations officer. If people are allowed to stray into church, wander around and stray out, they are not likely to come again. They are not interested in what we we did fifty years ago but what we are doing now.

I remember once on holiday receiving a strange greeting. The steward in the porch had his back to the entrance talking to someone about the boiler (presumably he was a trustee, but of that I would not know) and on hearing footsteps he held a hymn-book out with his right hand, but still with his back to the entering public. With a little mischief I took the hymn-book from his hand and transferred it to his other hand! He looked so surprised.

—Rev. William Gowland,  
Luton Industrial Mission



## BATTLE FOR THE MIND

# BRAIN WASHING AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

By Professor J. G. McKenzie

As science has discovered the sources of energy in the Atom, we are realizing that that energy can be used to destroy man; so the intense research into how the mind works physiologically as well as psychologically is being used to enslave our minds and to rob us of rational judgment.

I have just read a book which deals with the problems of *The Battle for the Mind* by a Dutch Psychiatrist, who is now an American citizen, and who himself was the victim of "brainwashing" in a concentration camp, and who has studied carefully the Korean victims of Communistic methods of getting men to swear a lie.

It is a fascinating analysis of the totalitarian methods of creating uniformity among the masses of their citizens, and submission to the regime. He goes into detail; shows why these methods are successful in compelling men to confess to deeds they never committed, and in part IV he outlines how the modern world can defend itself against this form of torture and danger to the human mind.

The whole problem comes under what is called the "conditioning of the Mind" so that it will accept uncritically whatever propositions are laid before it.

By their methods of conditioning rational judgment is not merely distorted but undermined altogether. As Dr. Meerloo tells us one soldier was made to say in a Korean camp that he actually saw the bacteria being put into American warfare; and one might be made to believe his own lie! But conditioning of our minds is going on every hour of the day. Propaganda is the attempt to condition our minds so that we shall vote for a particular party; advertisements attempt to condition our minds so that we shall buy the articles advertised; the methods of mass evangelism condition the congregation so as to induce a "decision for Christ" by stimulating their sense of guilt. Political slogans are not arguments, but attempts to condition our minds by getting beneath our rational judgment and make us vote along some party

line. Advertisements are so designed that they make us buy the advertised article, or indeed to make us buy what afterwards we find we did not want or need; and the paraphernalia of revival meetings tend to condition our minds to the evangelists's appeal. It would seem the Holy Spirit is really not needed.

But what we have to remember and what the author brings out is that brain-washing, or menticide as he calls it, may compel a man to confess things he has never done and even displace his hidden and unconscious guilt upon these things until he seems to believe it. But should the man get free, even if only for a short time, he becomes "unconditioned" and naturally denies what he confessed. That is what happened with the American soldiers who were fortunate enough to be freed without mental damage. Actually only a relatively small number of Russians are members of the Party; the others conform not because they have been conditioned to believe but to avoid the attentions of the secret police. But they are not converted. The great majority of our best workers in our churches have never been to a revival meeting. To the degree the masses in a democratic country are educated to exercise an informed judgment conditioning methods utterly fail. But, he adds, get alone with the inquisitors and conditions and probably not one of us but would "confess."

No conditioning can create a true conversion. A true conversion is not the signing of a card or the coming to the front on a tide of feeling, but a **New Birth**, the soul is born. Henceforward he is not pushed around by what Freud calls, the Id, or the Ego, or the Super Ego; he is ruled from above by the Holy Spirit permeating the mass of desire, impulse, sentiments and ideas. He is lifted from the biological level and the perceptual level to the spiritual level.

**The New Birth is not a figure of speech, it is the experience of a new life.** We are ignorant as to how it happens, just as we are ignorant of the origin of life itself. **A true con-**

**Mental Seduction and Menticide** the psychology of thought control and brainwashing, by Joost A. M. Meerloo M.D.

version is a "miracle" in the true sense of the word. You cannot try to be good; when we are trying to be good, we are actually just trying not to be bad. Goodness is the fruit of the Spirit. That flash upon our minds in which the life we are living is seen in comparison with the life God would have us live is the work of the Spirit. We cannot induce it any more than a psychiatrist can induce a cure of his mentally disturbed patient. As James said long ago, there is no natural explanation. The new birth as a psychiatrist has said, is unconscious; we only know its fruits. We can try to remove inhibitions, bring the conflicts into consciousness, but the final act in which the Soul is born, and to henceforth control, is the work of the Spirit. **No conditioning can give the new birth.**

I am more convinced than ever that there are still experiences which cannot be accounted for better than by invoking the doctrine of the Holy Spirit."

—Condensed from "British Weekly"

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situations that the Pedersens might encounter on their vacation, a ladies' quartet sang harmoniously and in addition to a brilliant piano solo western tunes filled the parlor emanating from a revived twosome the "Rover Boys" playing their harmonica and ukelele. Pastor and Mrs. Pedersen were presented with a covered wagon table lamp filled with shining silver and crisp green dollar bills as a special thank you and wish for an enjoyable vacation. A wonderful time was had by all.

**Westbrook, Maine.** Pentecost Sunday a class of 4 young people were confirmed. At 3:00 p.m. Pastor Allison Hansen had communion for the young people and their families, a reception followed in the vestry. The Sunday after 12 adults were confirmed and 19 others joined the church. Since Pastor Hansen arrived in January 36 new members have been received.

At Easter our choir, consisting of 20 members, gave their song service. Our members are always faithful both for the practice and on Sunday morning

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# Our Foreign Mission Fields

## GREAT NEED OF T. B. SANATORIUM

request has come from our Santal Hospital at Mohulpahari in a to help build a unit for the medical and surgical treatment of tuberculous patients. At present the cost is for from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

### The Need Is Tremendous

Every day in the stream of patients coming to our hospital at Mohulpahari the doctors find several patients suffering from active tuberculosis; but usually are unable to treat them because the seven beds isolated for tuberculosis cases in the general hospital are already occupied. In the face of 2,000 patients a year what are 7 beds? It is pathetic to send these coughing patients away, because there is no other place for hundreds of miles around where they can go for treatment.

all India, despite a doubling of hospital facilities in the past decade, there are only 22,138 beds for the treatment of tuberculosis as of the last available census. These care for only about 2% of the cases. An estimated 500,000 people die of the disease every year in India and five times that number in the active T.B.

### Competent Personnel

#### Are Available for the Job

Dr. William R. Scott, our American doctor on the scene, is well trained in surgery and medicine and well qualified to supervise the beginning of a unit of this kind.

### Drugs and Techniques to Save T.B. Patients Are Available

Modern medical research has forged a remarkably successful program of cure and rehabilitation for suffering from tuberculosis. The program has been so successful that many of our American sanatoria are being closed down for lack of patients. This successful "know-how" must be transported across the seas to places like Mohulpahari where the need is overwhelming.

### What We Need Now Is Money

We need money to buy land adjacent to our general hospital at Mohulpahari for a T.B. Sanatorium, money to put up buildings, money to buy beds and facilities and sterilizers and all the things needed to organize

such a work. The money you invest in this project will yield returns far beyond your lifetime. Your money can save young lives, intelligent young students and workers and mothers—people that the new India needs for her development.

In the words of Dr. Erling Ostergaard, who for many years was connected with this hospital in India and who knows the problem intimately, "Here is a vision we must pursue until it becomes a reality!"

### New Guinea Church Dedicates First Seminary

Logaweng, New Guinea—(LWF)—A new theological seminary—the first in the 73-year history of Lutheran work on this tropical western Pacific island—was dedicated here in February.

Preaching the dedication sermon was Director Arne Sovik of the Lutheran World Federation's Department of World Mission. A \$75,000 grant from the department made possible the seminary's construction, on which work was begun in 1955.

Establishment of the new center here will enable the New Guinea Church to train its own pastors fully without sending them outside the territory. At present, the Church has only about 100 native pastors to serve a membership which is now around 200,000.

### U. S. Lutherans to Head African Literacy Center

New York—(LWF)—Dr. and Mrs. Wesley Sadler, missionaries of the United Lutheran Church in America, left here late in February for Africa, where they will take charge of the first all-Africa Christian Literacy and Writing Center at Mindolo, Northern Rhodesia.

The center they will direct is to open in July under the auspices of a unit of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA.

The unit, known as the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, represents some 40 American mission boards and church groups of different confessions.

Purpose of the center, the committee said, is "to stimulate the production of Christian literature for African readers, written by African authors, in Africa." It added that the center will be "a clearing house for technical information for literacy and literature workers."

### North America's

#### Largest Missionary Agencies

The nine largest missionary agencies in North America, according to statis-

tics compiled by the Missionary Research Library, are these:

Seventh Day Adventists (including U. S. and other home bases) — 2,000

The United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. — 1293

Southern Baptist Convention — 1,186

Sudan Interior Mission — 1,071

Division of World Missions, Methodist — 975

The Christian and Missionary Alliance — 822

The Evangelical Alliance Mission — 764

Wycliffe Bible Translators — 705  
Assemblies of God — 676

### A Tribe Was Saved

A tribe of about 5,000 refugee beduins in East Jordan was recently saved from the utmost destitution by a joint effort of the United Nations relief agency and the Lutheran World Federation, it was reported by Axel Christensen, senior representative of the LWF in the Near East.

The two agencies combined efforts to give these Arabs food and clothing, which they had not received regularly for several years.

The tribe used to have its grasslands in the Beersheba area which is now in the hands of Israel, and had come to the verge of almost complete destruction of their herds, Mr. Christensen reported.

The food and the clothing which was provided by the LWF was shipped to the Holy Land by the Lutheran World Relief.

### Please Remember:

For every dollar you give to Lutheran World Action more than 300 pounds of U. S. Government surplus food is delivered to the world's needy people.

### Christianity in Africa

One-third of all Africans are Moslems, or approximately 65 to 70 million people. There are probably 30 million Christians, including all groups that profess any relationship to Christianity. About 12 million of these are Protestants.

### New Magazine

The new magazine **Our Africa** launched last September is now being read by an estimated 350,000 people each month in seven African countries. Pray that God will provide the necessary funds to sustain this outstanding circulation for the first two or three critical years.

Rev. Allan D. Hansen, 3741  
Ave., Lynwood, Calif., Edits  
page.





### "TO BE TAKEN INTERNALLY"

Directions for the consumption of medicines usually include the phrase "to be taken internally" or "to be applied externally only." Depending on the strength and nature of the medicine, its value is in proportion to how and where it is taken or applied. If its value depends on internal consumption applying it to the surface of the skin will benefit little or none at all. If the disease is internal, external application will not help. Cancer of the stomach is not cured by applying ointment to the abdomen. The treatment must get to the place of the tumor.

The nature of the "illness" spiritually makes it necessary that God's "treatment" be taken internally. The deep-seated roots of sin in the human personality require a treatment that is strong and is applied to the "roots." Taking this treatment is not an easy operation with a quick call at the physician's office. A person does not deal with sin simply by conceding that the catechism is correct, and that God forgives sins. This manner of dealing with sin may be only "smearing" salve on the surface. It may not get to the root.

The paste which a person may apply to his face superficially may have a parallel in religion. The religious motions may appear correct and righteous. With them may be a moral respectability. Added to this may also be some commendable performances. A person may attend church regularly, receive the sacrament each month, and even read the Bible at home and hold an office in the church. The outward evidences point to a religious life that has something to it. However, unless with these motions, the real treatment of Christ is permitted to touch the root problems of anxiety, fear, hatred, and jealousy etc., the external activity will help no more than salve applied to the hand to stop blood poisoning.

It is from the life of persons who take "internally" God's cure for sin that meaningful stewardship evolves.

## ACROSS THE OCEAN — I

# THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

By Dr. Paul C. Nyholm

Dr. and Mrs. Paul C. Nyholm are spending some time in Europe studying church life. Here is the first in a series of articles written by Dr. Nyholm, professor of church history at Trinity Seminary.

The week including Pentecost and Trinity Sundays has given my wife and me a renewed feeling of fellowship among God's children.

We began our Pentecost in the small town of Selfoss, Iceland. It was past midnight when Pastor Sigurour Palsson took us to see his beautiful church, dedicated just a few years ago. Its unique altar picture portrays the threefold ministry of Christ. Right under the ceiling, on the walls that divide the main nave from two narrow side aisles, are beautiful friezes of church symbols.

From the Pastor's study one may overlook snow covered mountains and through the picture window in the living room there is a glorious view of the fall of the river from which the town receives its name. The church is located near the heart of town and yet stands isolated on a spacious and beautiful site alongside the river.

The summer nights in Iceland are short and light. When we got back to our hotel in the capital city of Reykjavik at 2:00 a.m., it had already started to dawn.

The morning service in the cathedral was very impressive. Although I could only understand some of the Icelandic, when the pastor read Scripture or when we sang familiar hymns, I still had the wonderful feeling of the communion of the saints as I worshipped together with the devout and attentive congregation. But I must admit that listening to a sermon without understanding more than just a very few words reminded me of how important it is for the church to feel its responsibility that each person should have opportunity to hear the good news in his own tongue, as was the case on the first day of Pentecost (Acts 2:8).

### Scotch Presbyterians

Our next stop was Scotland. It was not so easy to get a place to stay in Edinburgh for two great conventions were in session here. The British Cooperative Society had 2,137 official delegates and the Presbyterian General Assembly over 1600—besides wives and other visitors.

The Presbyterians in Great Britain are more theologically conservative than in the United States, and I felt very much at home among them, both during a session I attended and in private conversation. One of the evening sessions I attended was "Home Board Night." The cause of Home Missions was presented with great warmth and power by four speakers: three pastors and a layman who had the common subject, "In Town and Country—the Witness of the Church." It was, of course, a "wee bit" different from a U.E.L.C. meeting. The speakers told far more (and better?) jokes than we Lutherans generally do at such an occasion, and the audience which packed the large hall in the General Assembly Building applauded continuously, either by clapping of hands or tramping of feet.

### Trinity Sunday in England

Here we experienced again the fellowship of the saints. We attended "the university service" in the morning. The choir anthem, Tschaikowski's "Blessed Angel Spirit," was beautifully rendered, and the sermon was most stimulating. It brought out that man reaches his highest attainment in worship. It was delivered by the Vicar of St. Mary's the Rev. R. S. Lee, whose distinguished dark skinned face indicated that he is of Australian and Chinese origin.

Afterward we saw the Library of Mansfield College which has been made the Lutheran University center in Oxford. The section of Lutheran books is as yet pitifully small but it is hoped that donations will continue to increase it. Mansfield chapel is probably the most ecumenical in Oxford. Lutherans are represented in the art glass windows by pictures of Melancthon, Chemnitz, and Schleiermacher. A statue of Luther himself is seen next to the pulpit. On the other side stands John Knox, and along the opposite wall are statues of Calvin and Wyclif.

The number of Lutheran students at Oxford is as yet very small, but with Mansfield as a center an important contribution may be made in the future. The Principal of the college, Dr. John Marsh, is most sympathetic to Lutheranism and is known as an ecumenical leader and Bible scholar. I had the privilege to hear him lecture and to visit with him.



## Lutheran Synod Adopts Communion Statement

A controversial statement on Holy Communion—tabled and referred for study in previous years—was finally adopted by the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania at its 212th annual convention in Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

It was opposed by a "high church" minority and by members who felt that a Communion statement being prepared by a special commission of the United Lutheran Church in America should have precedence.

The Ministerium, with 542 congregations and a baptized membership of 338,000, is the oldest and largest of the denomination's 32 synods.

In its adopted statement the synod warns against using the term "Mass, and the use of sanctuary lamps, bells, incense or genuflection." It also recommends that the Communion service, generally be limited to congregational observance, and that it not be held in educational institutions, for special groups of the laity, including wedding parties.

The statement was desired by synod officials, especially the president, Dr. Charles M. Cooper, to provide him with a directive and a measure of authority in cases where church councils or congregations are in dispute with their pastors over the frequency of Holy Communion, or the ritual used.

After its adoption, Dr. Cooper stated: "I do not consider that you have given me a cudgel to make war against the high church. It is accepted that congregational practices (in the serving of Holy Communion) are not and never will be anywhere alike."

Two leading United Lutheran liturgical authorities bitterly assailed the limitations against frequency and special group or institutional celebrations.

They were Dr. Luther D. Reed, 86, president emeritus of Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary; and Dr. Edgar S. Brown, Jr., director of worship of the ULCA, a member of the synod. Dr. Reed, highly regarded as "an elder statesman of the Church," and Dr. Brown both charged that the statement "was an artificial and dangerous restriction on the channels of Christian grace."

"The Ministerium is getting into deep theological waters, and acting like King Canute trying to hold back the tides," Dr. Reed warned.

Dr. Brown demanded that the minutes include a protest over his and others' signatures, along with the approved statement. Dr. Cooper parried this request and said that it would be considered at the next executive board meeting.

Throughout this debate, speakers also rose to deplore the unfortunate wrangling and feelings in our midst." One of them said, "This is the Lord's Supper, but we seem to have a hard time trying to serve it."

Another statement defining the right of laymen to assist in the serving of Holy Communion was approved without dissent. Laymen have assisted the pastor in only a few congregations of the synod, and it was not foreseen that the practice would become widespread, even with the official sanction.



### LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD GIFT

The Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company has presented the college with a gift of \$500 for the Diamond Jubilee Fund. The money will be used to subsidize **Saga of the Tower**, the forthcoming history of Dana College and Trinity Seminary.

After completing months of research on the subject, Mr. William Christensen, author, reports that many interesting events and some little known details will be included in the overall picture of the founding and development of Dana and Trinity.

Advance orders for **Saga of the Tower** are now being accepted. You may reserve your copy by writing the Public Relations Department of the college. Publication price is \$3.00.

### SUMMER SESSION OPENS

Approximately 90 persons have registered for the first summer session which opened on Monday, June 8 and will continue for a period of 5 weeks. Seventeen courses are being offered for full college credit.

The Hawaiian Holiday Tour, conducted by Miss Elja McCullough of the Education Department, is also being offered immediately following the first session. Students taking part in this tour may earn up to three credits in Geography by traveling through the islands and completing certain written assignments.

### TWO CONFERENCES ON CAMPUS

Over the weekend of June 5, the Stewardship Training Committee of the new TALC met on the campus for the purpose of training sector leaders. These men will assume the responsibility of training other men in the church for the Stewardship program.

One of four nationwide Church Music Institutes is also being held on the campus during this week. Church musicians and pastors in session are discussing new developments for making church music more impressive. Dean of the sessions, Mr. Paul E. Neve, says the culmination of the week's activities will be a concert of sacred music to be presented in Pioneer Memorial Chapel on Friday, June 12.



# THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

## 1960 CONSTITUTING LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION

Milwaukee has been chosen as the site for the 1960 Constituting Convention of the Luther League of The American Lutheran Church. The dates are set for August 16-21, with an expected attendance of 3500.

According to recent action taken by the Luther Leagues of the ALC, ELC and UELC, the 1960 gathering will be a closed delegate meeting. Each Luther League will be entitled to one voting delegate to the Convention. Adult youth workers (sponsors and pastors) will be encouraged to attend on the basis of one from each Luther League federation (circuit), having a membership up to fifteen (15) leagues; over fifteen (15) leagues, two adults will be encouraged to attend. Others to attend the Convention will be the members of the Interim Luther League Board, the District Luther League Presidents, the federation (circuit) presidents and District Youth Committee Chairmen.

Previous efforts to stage an all-out mass youth convention in 1960 have been relinquished, because it was learned that the new Exposition Center in Chicago will not be completed in time to serve the Convention. The Convention Committee was not able to find another Convention site favorable to the three merging youth groups.

The major objectives for the 1960 meeting are:

1. Adopt a constitution and by-laws for the Luther League of The American Lutheran Church.
2. To elect officers of the Luther League and the members of the Luther League Board for the first triennium.
3. To formulate and provide program and organization for the Luther League during the first triennium.
4. To inform and instruct on merger procedure and structure (district, conference and local levels).
5. Express gratitude and praise to God through worship, praise, song and dedication of life for the new-found opportunities to serve in our new fellowship.
6. Inspire and stimulate youth to Christian witness, spiritual growth and stewardship practice by identification with a host of fellow believers in Christ.

7. Introduce our youth to their Church and League and stimulate in them a sense of and appreciation for the new community of believers of which they are a part.

### Pre-Merger Youth Leadership Conference

"Pre-Merger Youth Leadership Conference" is the name of the leadership meeting that is to precede the 1960 Luther League Convention. Those attending this meeting will be federation (circuit) presidents, International Luther League Board members, District Luther League residents and District Youth Committee Chairmen. This meeting has been scheduled for August 12-15, 1960, for the purpose of giving this youth leadership pertinent information and instruction with regard to merger procedures, and to have a part in formulating a program for the Luther League during the first triennium. This group will also receive training in order that they might provide leadership and guidance for the various discussion groups and committees of the Constituting Convention program which follows the Leadership Conference.

Registration for both the Convention and the Youth Leadership Conference will open January 1, 1960.

Further particulars regarding both the Pre-Merger Youth Leadership Conference and the Constituting Luther League Convention will be released after the next meeting of the 1960 Convention Committee, scheduled for June 29-July 1 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

### Confirmation In Calgary

On Pentecost, May 17, nine young people made public confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus at Sharon Lutheran Church, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The congregation had a reception for the confirmands on the following Sunday. Each confirmand was presented with a year's subscription to "One" magazine and a copy of the devotional book, **God's Word For Today**. The class presented the pastor, Jerrold Elling, with a cash gift.



## Kenmare Leaguers Hold Spring Banquet

More than eighty young people of the Kenmare area North Dakota gathered at Nazareth Lutheran Church for their third annual Spring Banquet on Saturday evening, April 18. The banquet was both a reception for the newly confirmed into Luther League work and a promotional effort for the Pocket Testament League. Pastor Harry T. Sorenson, senior pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Minot, was the speaker of the evening giving the topic: "Your Purpose In Life." Pastor Sorenson is the President of the Luther League Federation of the Lutheran Free Church. A host of League committees contributed to make the event a real success.

## North Dakota-Montana Gleanings

The North Dakota-Montana District Luther League with a membership of 181 sold 406 Christmas Chimes last December. The District designates the first Sunday in December as "Chimes Sunday" and gives the publication a real push on that date. The Luther League is participating in Bible camps both at Epping and Brush Lake this summer. The District has a \$500.00 goal for a Japan Chapel project. The President reports that the leaguers are well along toward reaching that goal.

## Youth Office Bulletin Board

### TEENAGER'S CHOICE

THIS IS THE TITLE OF A NEW 30-MINUTE FILM FOR YOUTH. IF EARLY MARRIAGE IS A CONCERN OF YOUR LEAGUERS, THIS FILM WILL HELP POINT OUT THE PROS AND CONS OF EARLY MARRIAGE. THIS IS A FAMILY FILMS PRODUCTION (BLACK AND WHITE) AVAILABLE FROM YOUR CHURCH FILM LIBRARY.

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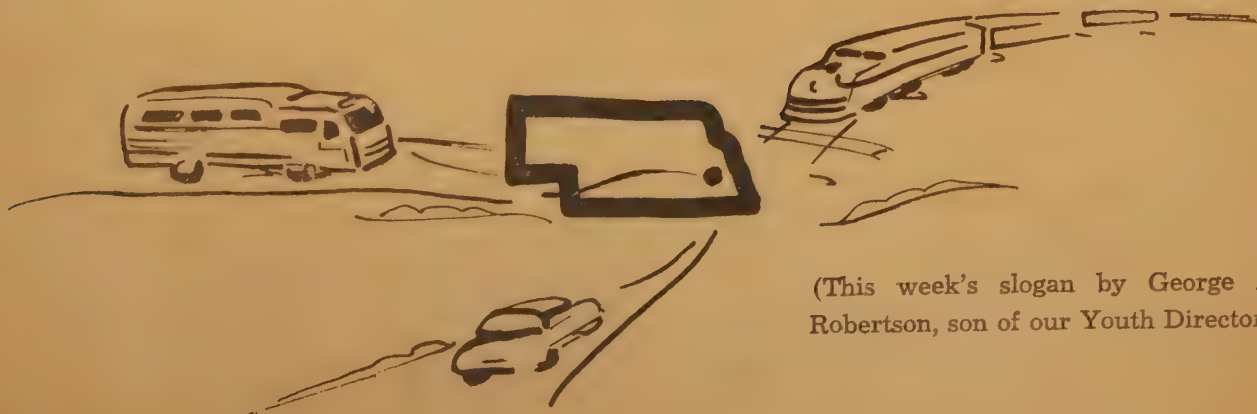
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(This week's slogan by George A. Robertson, son of our Youth Director.)



## BY THE FIRESIDE

## THAT I MAY SEE

Lord, let me meditate upon this hill  
 And view they wondrous works, that I may know  
 And feel thy world held close about me still,  
 No matter where my wandering feet may go.  
 Teach me the peace of earth and sky and tree;  
 Assure me beauty is forever there;  
 And mold into the simple heart of me  
 Capacity to praise and teach and share.  
 Show me each bit of beauty as I pass;  
 Make radiant this golden world, I pray,  
 From lofty cloud to lowly blade of grass,  
 From mountaintop to humble lonely way.  
 Give me the power to see and hear and hold  
 Thy wonders in a world grown blind and cold.

—Violet Emslie Osler  
 War Cry

## SUBMISSION AND REST

The camel at the close of day  
 Kneels down upon the sandy plain  
 To have his burden lifted off  
 And rest again.

My soul, thou too should to thy knees  
 When daylight draweth to a close,  
 And let thy Master lift the load  
 And grant repose.

Else how couldst thou tomorrow meet,  
 With all tomorrow's work to do,  
 If thou thy burden all the night  
 Dost carry through?

The camel kneels at break of day  
 To have his guide replace his load;  
 Then rises up anew to take  
 The desert road.

So thou shouldst kneel at morning's  
 dawn  
 That God may give thee daily care;  
 Assured that he no load too great  
 Will make thee bear.

—Author Unknown

## NEVER FEAR

By Helen Baker Adams

Never fear the dawn ahead—  
 Day is life in miniature;  
 Talk to God before you rise;  
 Meet the morning, calm and sure.

Never fear to meditate—  
 Life is much remembering;  
 Think of good—past, and to come;  
 By noon, your heart will gladly sing.

Never fear humility—  
 Bow down and pray, meek and sincere;  
 The day is done, joyful or sad,  
 There was no cause for you to fear!

## TIMES OF REFRESHING

Blessed times of soul refreshing  
 Sent to bring our spirits blessing  
 From the Presence of the Lord;  
 How they give the needed clearness;  
 How they give a sense of nearness  
 To the Person of the Lord.

Times refreshing, wondrous blessing  
 Sent when we, our sins confessing,  
 Lift our hearts to Him;  
 Flowers of faith, of love, of striving,  
 Light, where all was dim.

From the Presence, what wonder,  
 Cleaving sin-wrought bands asunder  
 By His matchless grace;  
 Foretaste of that time bestowing  
 When we no more dimness knowing  
 Meet Him face to face.

—Irene Post Hulett

## EASY!

An Irish Priest astride his donkey  
 was greeted in the village by a peasant. "Good Morning, Father," he said. "Good Morning, my son," replied the priest. "What are you doing, Father?" asked the peasant. "I'm meditating, my son." "Oh you're meditating! That's easy, Father, anyone can do that." "No my son," replied the priest, "it's very hard work." "Well I think it's easy, even I could do that." The Priest looked at him with some amusement. "My son, if you will get down on your knees and meditate for three minutes on the love of God, I'll give you this donkey." "Right you are, Father." And down on his knees he dropped with clasped hands and closed eyes. At the end of one minute he suddenly opened his eyes and asked, "Do I get the saddle as well, Father?"

THREE OF A KIND—  
AND ALL QUEER

A school board hired a teacher, paid him a salary, and provided a school for him. School opened. A week went by, but there were no students. Upon making inquiry, the teacher was informed that he had a building, was receiving a salary to teach school, and now it was up to him to get the pupils there.

A young lady was hired as a servant in a home. She was a good cook, purchased fine foods, prepared excellent meals. But the first day no one showed up to eat. The next morning she inquired why no one would eat her meals. The family replied: "We furnish the food and pay you to cook. Now it's up to you to get us to eat."

A church hired a preacher, gave him a church, paid him a salary. He prepared his sermon, went to church, but the people were not there. Upon inquiring, he was told that he was furnished a building, paid a salary, and now it was up to him to induce those paying him to go to church. **THREE OF A KIND — AND ALL QUEER!**

—From St. Peter's Newsletter, Big Rapids (via Michigan Lutheran)

## A RECIPE

A bit of hope, a bit of cheer,

A bit of self-denial,

A good supply of godly fear,

And patience in each trial;

Then stir thyself in earnest prayer.  
 And thou wilt find that God is there.

—Helen Arnold

The Free Methodist

## ONLY A DAY

Only a day at a time, dear Lord;

Only a day

Shaped to Thy purpose and in accord  
 With Thine own way.

Keep Thou time's budget safely stored;

No more, I pray,

Than what life's spending can afford.

Only a day.

—Lorraine Good

The War Cry

He: "You haven't said a word for twenty minutes."

She: "Well, I didn't have anything to say."

He: "Don't you ever say anything when you have nothing to say?"

She: "No."

He: "Well, then, will you be my wife?"



## WHAT IS A GOOD HOME?

By J. Edgar Hoover

Hans Christian Anderson, creator of warm and tender tales for children, knew the human heart as it is given. How to know it. Perhaps his own chaotic childhood following the death of his father helped develop his understanding of the sensitive child's mind. He may, in part, have been responsible for the opinion attributed to him that "Eighty per cent of our criminals come from unsympathetic homes."

I am presuming that the author of "The Little Match Girl" and of "The Ugly Duckling" spoke on the basis of observation rather than on that of statistical data. Even today I know of no statistical study on which one could base such a statement, but on the basis of observation—of seeing the case histories of scores of today's criminal offenders—I can only believe the gentle author's estimate was a low one.

I know that the vast majority of criminal acts have their roots in "unsympathetic" homes. Here, of course, I am using the word as an umbrella to cover the whole area of inadequacy—the indifferent, the immoral, the amoral and the broken home. And this is as a result of observation as a law enforcement officer that I have come to have a deep and abiding appreciation for those fathers and mothers who strive valiantly to create a good home for their children.

And what is a "good" home?

I am sure that everyone who has had the priceless experience of being reared in such a home has his own personalized image of it. For him, the past conjures up beloved memories. The mirror of his mind reflects simple things—perhaps a fireplace, the odor of cinnamon rolls and fresh

baked bread, tall shelves with books. And the strand of each loved memory of childhood traced back further still, becomes indissolubly entwined with the memory of the man and woman who made that house a home.

The longer I live the more certain I become that material things—the architecture and the furnishings—mean little in the creation of a true home. The essential items are intangible—love, sympathy, understanding, encouragement, and faith.

An English clergyman of another century said:

"Six things are requisite to create a 'happy home.' Integrity must be the architect, and tidiness the upholsterer. It must be warmed by affection, lighted up with cheerfulness; and industry must be the ventilator, renewing the atmosphere and bringing in fresh salubrity day by day; while over all, as a protecting canopy and glory, nothing will suffice except the blessing of God."

I believe that a good home, as a place for living, should be comfortable. I think it should be adequate in size and in appearance. But these are externals and a truly good home can exist in the absence of these desirable items.

The good home does not have its source in material things. Its roots are to be found in fixed principle and in morality, both of which stem solely from the spiritual. The good home is a place of learning in which example is the teacher and the values taught are sound. The good home is a place of discipline leavened with affection.

It is a place of good faith and understanding. It is a place in which the priceless attributes of living are taken for granted because they are freely given.

What is the test of a good home?

I know of none except that to be found in after years of memories marked with love and gratitude.

—NSSA LINK



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<b>Forward Phase</b>			
Previously acknowledged	\$23983.25	\$10658.18	\$13325.07
Castro Valley, Calif., Faith Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$400, Forward Phase \$100	500.00	500.00	
North Hollywood, Calif., Valley Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$397.15, LWA \$409.07	806.22	397.15	409.07
San Francisco, Calif., Ansgar Luth. Church for LWA	184.15		184.15
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. Sunday School for T.B. Hospital, Santal Mission	35.00	35.00	
Cedar Falls, Ia., Nazareth Luth. S. S. for Japan Mission \$20, South America Mission \$20	40.00	40.00	
Coulter, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church for LWA	65.54		65.54
Glidden, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Christensen, Scranton, for native evangelist in Santal Mission	10.00	10.00	
Harlan, Ia., Immanuel Luth. S. S. for Japan Mission	11.55	11.55	
Neola, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church for Santal Mission	6.03	6.03	
Sioux City, Ia., Our Savior's Luth. Church for Synodical Dues	100.00	100.00	
Hutchinson, Minn., Faith Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	500.00	500.00	
Little Falls, Minn., Mrs. L. P. Andersen in memory of Mr. L. P. Andersen for LWA \$5, Japan Mission \$5	10.00	5.00	5.00
St. Paul, Nebr., St. Mark's Luth. Ladies Aid for Bethany Home, Minden \$37.98*			
Bowbells, N. D., Bethlehem Luth. Bible School for Sudan Mission	34.76	34.76	
Poy Sippi, Wis., First Luth. Church for LWA	248.32		248.32
First Luth. S. S. for South America Mission (Colombia)	27.32	27.32	
Waupaca, Wis., Trinity Ev. Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	600.00	600.00	
Caruthers, Calif., Our Savior's Luth. S. S. for Home Missions	30.13	30.13	
Karen and Terri Nishi for Japan Mission	10.00	10.00	
Mrs. Christiana Hammond for Foreign Missions	100.00	100.00	
Norwalk, Calif., Trinity Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	500.00	500.00	
San Francisco, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Madsen \$10, Mrs. Clara Galvin \$2, Magda Sorensen, Helen Flack and Bernice Anderson \$4 for Pension Fund in memory of Mr. J. P. Andersen	16.00	16.00	
Brush, Colo., All Saints Church, Ebenezer, for LWA	39.70		39.70
Chicago, Ill., Ingvar and Anne Landbo in memory of Mr. J. P. Andersen, San Francisco, for Dana College Fund	5.00	5.00	
Chicago, Ill., Frances and Edwin Jorgensen in memory of Mr. Jens Peter Andersen, San Francisco, for Pension Fund	15.00	15.00	
McNabb, Ill., Esther Andersen for Dana Fund in memory of Edith Lindgren, Luck, Wis.	3.00	3.00	
Elk Horn, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Chris L. Christensen in memory of Mrs. Willie Christoffersen, Underwood, for Indian Missions	10.00	10.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Iversen in memory of Alfred Petersen, Rosendale, Alberta, Canada, for Foreign Missions	5.00	5.00	
Hamlin, Ia., Hamlin Jr. Missionary Society for Ray Hagberg, Africa Mission (Sudan)	21.21	21.21	
Ringsted, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church in memory of Carl J. Fink for Foreign Missions	15.55	15.55	
Greenville, Mich., St. Paul's Ev. Luth. Church, Student Fund, for support of native evangelist	100.00	100.00	
Winnetoon, Nebr., Bethesda Luth. Bible School for Indian Mission, Oaks	7.85	7.85	
Poy Sippi, Wis., First Luth. Church, Mission Band for Brazil Mission (S. Am. Mission)	5.00	5.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$28045.38</b>	<b>**\$13768.53</b>	<b>\$11276.85</b>

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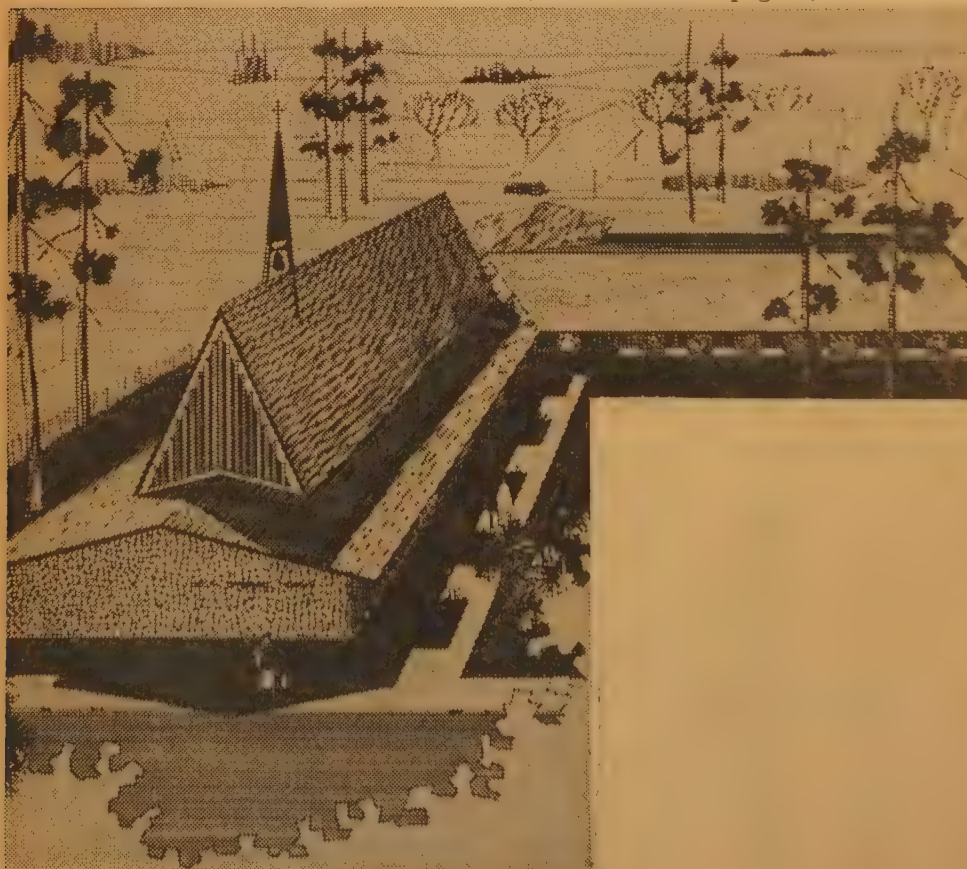
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Blair, Nebraska, June 13, 1959.

P. V. Hansen, Treas.

## NEWS AND NOTES

(Continued from page 6)



## Luck, Wisconsin Building New Church

The United First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Luck, Wisconsin recently voted to begin construction of a new church. Ground breaking for the new building was on Sunday June 7th following an outdoor Morning Worship Service.

The new church is contemporary in design and will be built all on one floor. There will be seating for 300 in the nave. An overflow area in the Fellowship Hall will accommodate an additional 300 persons. In addition to the Church and Fellowship Hall, there will be a wing which will include offices, kitchen, wash rooms, furnace room, and cloak room.

The outside of the building will be stone and the inside mahogany paneling. The wall at the back of the chancel, however, will be of stone matching the exterior of the building.

At some future date an educational unit will be added at which time the old church will be removed. Meanwhile, the present church will be used for parish education purposes.

The estimated cost of the new building will be \$110,000.00 exclusive of furnishings. Architectural service was provided by Bergstedt and Hirsch of St. Paul Minnesota. Reynold H. Tange is pastor of the church.



### POST OFFICE MARKS DANA ANNIVERSARY

The Post Office Department in Washington, D. C., announced that it will honor the 75th anniversary of Dana College, Blair, Neb., a UELC institution, with a special slogan cancellation. The cancellation which will be applied to mail at Blair from June 15 through December 31 will read "75th Anniversary Dana College 1884-1959."

### 4 LUTHERAN BODIES JOIN IN PARISH ED MAGAZINE

The first joint magazine for four Lutheran church bodies planning merger will appear this August.

Sponsored by the parish education boards of the American Evangelical, Augustana, Suomi and United Lutheran Churches, the 32-page magazine named Resource, will serve church school teachers and other congregational leaders of parish education.

Chosen as editor of the monthly magazine is the Rev. John M. Mangum, ULCA. Associate editor is Miss Beverly Schultz, Augustana.

Editorial offices will be in the Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, where Resource will be published eleven times a year. The first issue, under an October publication date, will have an initial circulation of 50,000.

### JAPANESE GOVERNMENT STUDIES SHRINE SUBSIDY

The Liberal-Democratic Party is considering a revival of the pre-war practice of subsidizing the Ise Grand Shrines. The matter is now being studied by the Special Committee to Study Religious Legal Persons. Members of the committee include former Education Minister Toh Matsunaga, former Executive Board Chairman Ichiro Kono, former Education Minister Kenzo Matsunaga, and former Defense Agency Director Tokutaro Kinura. The Ise Grand Shrines house the "magatama," one of the three Imperial treasures passed down from emperor to emperor to symbolize their divine position; and for this reason were given special regard among Shinto shrines. Following the SCAP directive divorcing state and Shinto, and the emperor's declaration of himself as a human being, the Ise Shrines were downgraded to the same level as other Shinto institutions. The post-war constitution clearly forbids state protection and subsidy of religious bodies.

The Liberal-Democratic Party is seeking to get around this provision in the constitution because of incessant appeals from supporters of the Ise Shrines for a revival of state aid. The only way to do so is to declare the shrines to be non-religious.

To those acquainted with the decade of Christian history in Japan prior to 1945, this constitutes the most serious threat to religious freedom in Japan since the end of the war. Once the door is opened again to state support of any Shinto shrine, suppression of religious freedom is inevitable. Christians everywhere are urged to pray that darkness will not come again to the Land of the Rising Sun.

Japan Herald

### PARAGRAPHS ON PRAYER

By Charles V. Fairbairn

"They that wait upon the Lord . . . shall mount up with wings as eagles" (Isa. 40:31).

"Our neighbor had on his lawn a small oval flower plot, fenced with chicken wire about a foot high. In to this enclosure a young robin had

landed one morning after one of its attempts to fly. As I looked out, I saw the excited little fellow hopping along the fence vainly looking for a hole through which to escape. 'Foolish little bird,' I thought, 'why do you not use your wings and fly over the fence?'

"And then an inward something whispered, 'Foolish little me! How often have I anxiously looked for a way out of my troubles, when God has provided me with wings to rise above them—the wings of prayer.'"

—E. B. S.

"There, there, on eagle's wings we soar,

And sin and sense molest no more;  
And heaven comes down our souls to greet,

While glory crowns the Mercy-seat."

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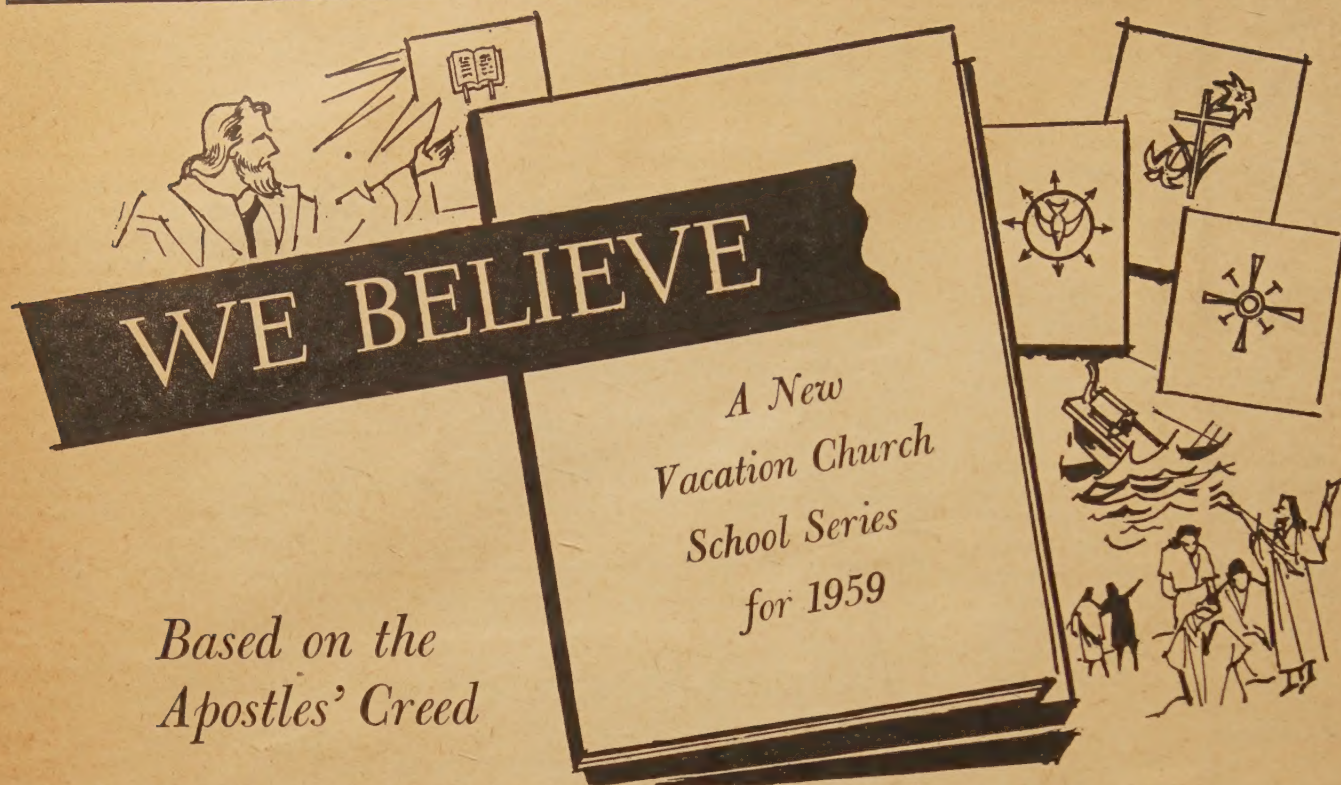
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The debentures are offered to Lutheran and non-Lutheran residents of California, in denominations of \$500. For further information, readers may contact the Rev. John G. Simmons, who is the president of The San Fernando Valley Lutheran Hospital Association, which will operate and manage the hospital. Rev. Simmons can be contacted at 13608 Van Nuys Boulevard, Pacoima, California.

Lutherans from 42 churches in the San Fernando Valley are supporting the medical facility. Eight Synods are represented on the all-Lutheran association board of directors. The hospital, under construction since last March, will open next April.





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